(iv) The Ministry of Agriculture has implemented the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA), whose impact evaluations have shown that watershed based interventions have led to increase in ground water recharge. Soil and water conservation works are also included under various activities of area development programmes, being undertaken by the Department of Land Resources. However, funds under the above programme are not exclusively allotted for checking declining ground water, which is a resultant activity of moisture conservation works undertaken for the development of watershed areas.

Clearance of water-projects of Rajasthan

†1508. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some water projects of State of Rajasthan are pending with Central Government for clearance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the pending water projects of the State would be approved in the current year; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be implemented alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Out of 14 irrigation project (8 major and 6 medium) proposals received from Government of Rajasthan, 9 irrigation projects (3 major and 6 medium) are under various stages of appraisal and 5 major irrigation projects are techno-economically accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources subject to compliance of few observations. The details of these 14 projects are given in the Statement (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Status of Irrigation Projects of Rajasthan under Appraisal

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Major/ Medum	River/ Basin	District benefited	Date of Receipt	Benefits (Th. ha.)	Estimated cost (Rs. Cr.)	Status
1.	Pipalda Lift Irrigation	Major	Chambal/ Ganga	Sawai Madhopur	9/96	14.87	11.39 18.13 (1996)	A
2.	Indira Lift Irrigation Project	Major	Chambal/ Ganga	Sawai Madhopur Karoli, Dansa & Bharatpur	12/2003	1048.50	431.00	A
3.	Narmada Canal Project	Major	Narmada	Jalore and Barmel	06/2004	246.00	1446.88	A
4.	Utilisation of Yamuna water in Bharatpur Distt.	Major	Yamuna/ Ganga	Bharatpur	7/96	86.500	150.00	B
5.	Utilisation of Yamuna water in Jhunjhunu & Churu Distt.	Major	Yamuna/ Ganga	Jhunjhunu	1/98	35.00	273.00	B
6.	Indira Gandhi Nahar Stage-I-ERM	Major	Ravi-Beas/ Indus	Sri Ganga-nagar, Bikaner & Jaisalmer	3/93	32.60	121.92	B
7.	Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project-ERM	Major	-	26 Districts of Rajasthan	1/01	619.195	745.59	B

8.	Sidhmukh Irrigation Project	Major	-	Hanumangarh & Churu	12/99	40.35	220.86	B
9.	Piplad Irrigation	Medium	Piplad/ Chambal	Jhalawar	1/99	4.70	28.49	A
10.	Takli Irrigation cum Drinking Water Supply Project	Medium	Takli/ Chambal	Raniganj, Mandi Tehsil (Kota district)	11/02	7.386	51.81	A
11.	Hatiadeh Irrigation Project	Medium	Nallah Hatiadeh/ Kul/ Chambal	Distt. Baran Tehsil Kishangarh	5/02	6.885	34.62	A
12.	Hindlot	Medium	Retri/ Parwati/ Chambal	Distt. Baran (Tehsil Chhabra)	5/02	2.895	17.92	A
13.	Andheri Irrigation Project	Medium	Andheri/ Parwati/ Chambal	Distt. Baran (Tehsil Chhabra)	5/02	7.70	41.10	A
14.	Gargrin Irrigation Project	Medium	Ahu Kali Sindh	Jalawar	-	7.943	61.563	A

A- Project under various stages of appraisal
B- Project accepted by the Adivsory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources subject to certain observations

The time taken for clearance of the project depends upon the promptness with which the State Government comply with the observations of the Central appraising agencies. Irrigation being a State subject, the irrigation projects are planned, formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities.

Water flow in Yamuna

†1509. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that very little water is left in Yamuna in Mathura, the sacred place of pilgrimage in the country;

(b) whether Government have formulated any plan to ensure that there is continuous flow of water in Yamuna;

(c) if so, the detailed outlines in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) During the last five years there has been minimum available flow of the order of 10 cumecs observed in river Yamuna of Mathura as per records available with Central Water Commission.

(b) to (d) Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Department have informed that water is being released downstream of Okhla in Delhi to enable flow in the river.

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